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## SUSPENSE STORIES

# "KILLER'S ARMS"

"EVERYONE OF US HAS DREAMT A NIGHTMARE AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER...AND IF WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH...WE AWAKEN TO FIND THAT WE HAVE ESCAPED THE HORROR OF OUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND! YOUNG PROFESSOR JOHNATHAN CLARK HAD A NIGHTMARE ONCE...FROM WHICH THERE WAS NO ESCAPE!!

LOOK!...LOOK! JOHNATHAN...WE HAVE IT! AT LAST WE'VE DISCOVERED IT! WE CAN ACTUALLY GRAFT ARMS AND LEGS!

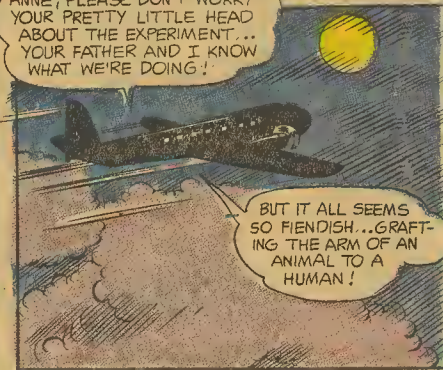
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE MY EYES, PROFESSOR MORTON! NOW WE CAN GO ON TO THE SUPREME EXPERIMENT...WE CAN GRAFT YOU A NEW ARM!



WHAT A HORRIBLE THOUGHT, FATHER! I WON'T LET YOU GO THROUGH WITH IT!

THAT IS NOT FOR YOU TO SAY, ANNE... START PACKING! WE'RE ALL LEAVING TONIGHT FOR AFRICA...TO TRAP OURSELVES A GORILLA!

ANNE, PLEASE DON'T WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD ABOUT THE EXPERIMENT... YOUR FATHER AND I KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING!





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A FEW HOURS AFTER ARRIVING AT AN AIRPORT SOMEWHERE NEAR THE TREACHEROUS JUNGLES OF AFRICA...OUR TRIO PREPARED TO TAKE OFF ON THEIR SECRET SAFARI...

IT'S INHUMAN, I TELL YOU... LET'S TURN BACK!

ANNE, YOU'RE TAKING A VERY UNSCIENTIFIC ATTITUDE! THINK OF WHAT IT WILL MEAN TO YOUR FATHER TO HAVE TWO ARMS AGAIN! THINK OF THE GOOD IT CAN DO FOR MILLIONS OF OTHERS!

JOHNATHAN...PLEASE PROMISE ME ONE THING...THAT THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST EXPERIMENT...AND THAT WE GET MARRIED WHEN WE GET BACK TO AMERICA!

OH, THAT WAS MY PLAN! AFTER WE'RE FINISHED WITH OUR WORK HERE I INTEND TO RETIRE AND WRITE A BOOK!



THE JUNGLE WAS HOT AND HUMID... THE TWO PROFESSORS HAD TO HACK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE DENSE AND THORNY UNDERBRUSH WITH BOLO KNIVES... MILE AFTER MILE THE SAME SLOW TREK CONTINUED AS DARKNESS BEGAN TO SPIN ITS SHROUD OVER THE WEIRD AND MISTY JUNGLE...

IT'S GETTING TOO DARK FOR US TO GO ANY FURTHER, JOHNATHAN...WE'LL PITCH CAMP HERE...

SAY, PROFESSOR MORTON, ACCORDING TO THIS MAP, WE'RE JUST ABOUT IN THE HEART OF THE GORILLA COUNTRY!

WHEW! I'M ALL IN...



LATER THAT NIGHT...

GOOD NIGHT, ANNE...



YES...THE MAP WAS ACCURATE...TOO ACCURATE! FOR NOT ONLY WERE OUR (UNFORTUNATE, TO BE) FRIENDS DEEP IN THE HEART OF GORILLA TERRITORY...THEY WERE RIGHT UNDER THE PIERCING LITTLE EYES OF "TONGO" THE MOST FEARED MAN-KILLING GORILLA IN THE AFRICAN JUNGLE!



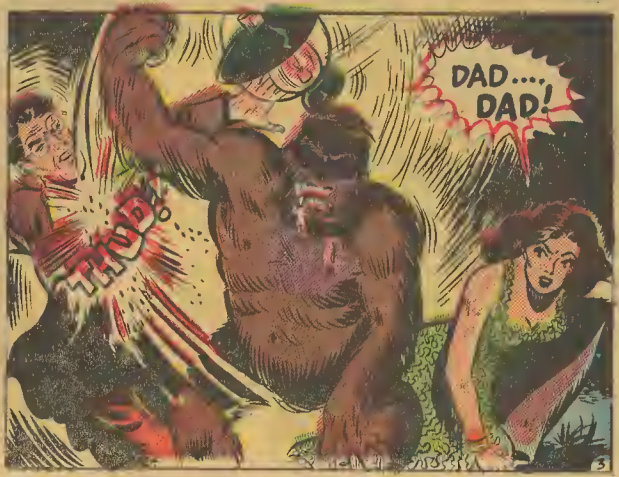


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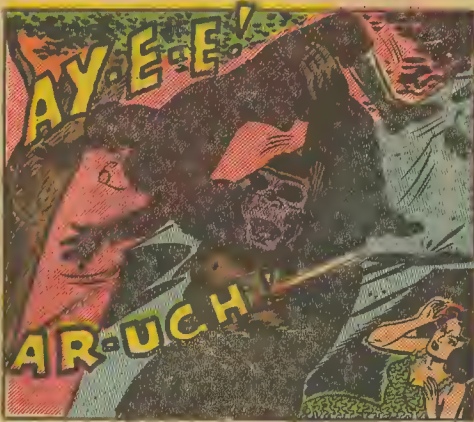
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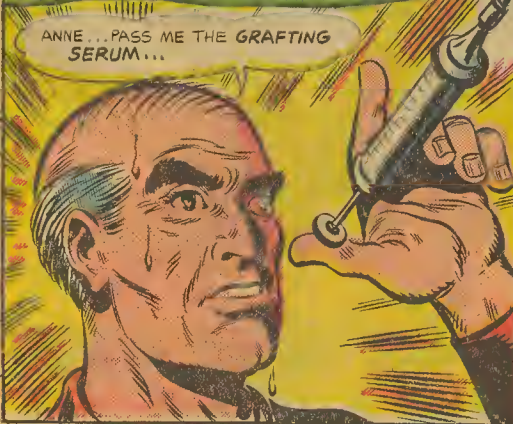
OH, FATHER...  
HOW HORRIBLE!  
HIS ARMS...

WE MUST ACT FAST! JOHNATHAN IS  
LOSING BLOOD...GET MY OPERA-  
TING EQUIPMENT!



WITH HIS ONE SKILLFUL ARM AND THE ABLE AID OF  
HIS DAUGHTER, PROFESSOR MORTON PROCEEDS  
WITH LIGHTNING SPEED TO RESTORE A NEW PAIR OF  
ARMS FOR HIS ILL-FATED COLLEAGUE!

...STRANGE THAT IT SHOULD TURN  
OUT THIS WAY...I WAS THE ONE  
WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO UNDERGO  
THIS OPERATION!



ANNE...PASS ME THE GRAFTING  
SERUM...

FOURS PASSED...PROFESSOR MORTON AND HIS  
DAUGHTER HAD BEEN KEEPING A CONSTANT  
VIGIL INTO THE EARLY MORNING...



HE'S COMING  
TO...

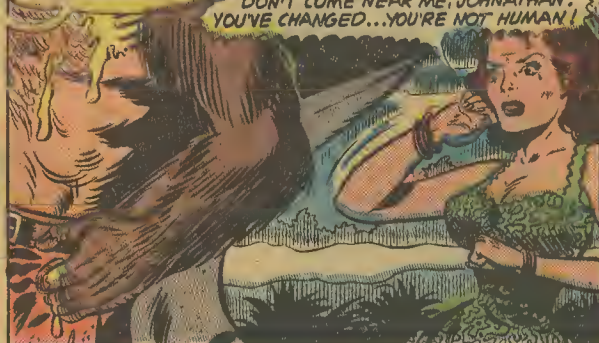
GROAN...



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I'M SORRY, ANNE... I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT! IT'S THESE ARMS... THE ARMS OF THAT KILLER GORILLA!!



THE GRAFTING SERUM...IT SPLASHED INTO YOUR FACE...IT...IT LOOKS LIKE THE FACE OF...THAT GORILLA!





# SUSPENSE STORIES

THE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT COURIER WAS ON AN URGENT TOP-SECRET MISSION --- ALL HE KNEW ABOUT THE DISPATCH CASE CHAINED TO HIS WRIST WAS THAT IT WAS MARKED...

## HANDS OFF!

THAT'S HIM, COMING OUTA THE PLANE NOW! HE'S GOT THE CASE WITH 'IM ...

GATE THREE

C'MON! WE GOTTA PICK 'IM UP AND BRING 'IM TO HEADQUARTERS, LIKE THE GENERAL ORDERED!

Dick  
Gordon

MY CREDENTIALS ARE ALL IN ORDER, AS YOU CAN SEE! MY MISSION HAS HIGHEST PRIORITY AND...

GO RIGHT THROUGH, SIR! NO NEED TO INSPECT YOU!

RIGHT THIS WAY, SIR! WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU...

HUH? OH...THE GOVERNMENT'S SURE PUTTING ON THE RITZ, SENDING A LIMOUSINE FOR AN ORDINARY OFFICIAL COURIER!

THE COURIER CLAMBERED INTO THE BIG CAR, THE MOTOR THUNDERED AND THE VEHICLE ROARED AWAY FROM THE AIRPORT...

THAT GUY'S CREDENTIALS...SAID HE WAS CARRYING TOP-SECRET STUFF IN THAT CASE HANDCUFFED TO HIS RIGHT WRIST!

I WOULDN'T CHANGE PLACES WITH HIM FOR A MILLION DOLLARS! EVERY FOREIGN AGENT IN THE COUNTRY MUST BE ZEROING IN ON 'IM!



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FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES THE LIMOUSINE RUMBLED THROUGH THE DARKENING STREETS. THEN...

B-BE CAREFUL... UGHH!  
S-SAY... THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO...

IT'S WHERE WE WANNA GO, MISTER!



HURRY UP, WITH THAT DISPATCH CASE, WILL YOU? WE AIN'T GOT ALL NIGHT...

NONE OF THE KEYS SEEM TO FIT THE LOCK? BUT I GOT **ANOTHER** IDEA...



W-WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT...?

GET OUTA THE CAR, BUSTER... AND DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE ABOUT IT! YOU PLAY BALL WITH US AND THIS CANNON I'M AIMING AT YOU WON'T GO OFF!



HE'S OUT COLD AS AN ICE CUBE! GET THAT DISPATCH CASE OPENED, WILL YOU!

WE'LL OPEN IT **LATER**... RIGHT NOW I'M TRYING TO PRY THIS CHAIN OFF HIS WRIST!! **BAHHH!** NONE OF THE KEYS FIT **THIS** LOCK, EITHER! BUT I GOT SOMETHING IN THE CAR THAT'LL WORK!

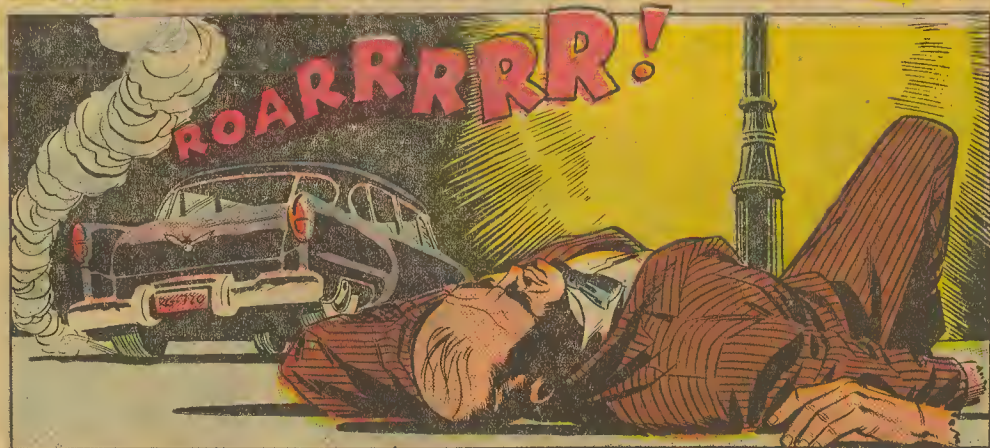
HURRY UP... THE GENERAL'S GONNA BE FURIOUS! WE GOTTA DELIVER THIS DISPATCH CASE **TONIGHT!**

**THIS** DOODAD'LL SEPARATE THE CASE FROM THE JOKER'S WRIST!





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ACROSS THE CITY THE LIMOUSINE ROARED. TO A NON-DESCRIPT HOUSE ON AN OBSCURE STREET, THERE...





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A MOMENT LATER THE LOCK IS SHATTERED, THE LID OF THE DISPATCH CASE PRIED OPEN, AND...



IN THE RUINED, SMOKE-FILLED ROOM THERE WAS DEATHLY SILENCE. AT THE SAME TIME...



...THEN THEY SLUGGED ME AND I WENT OUT LIKE A LIGHT! THE DISPATCH CASE... I-I GUESS IT'S GONE!

HIS CREDENTIALS'RE IN ORDER, SARGE... HE'S A GOV'T MENT COURIER, ALL RIGHT! WE... WE BETTER CALL THE F.B.I. RIGHT AWAY!



NO NEED TO DO THAT, OFFICERS! WHEN THEY FINALLY MANAGE TO OPEN THAT TOP-SECRET CASE THEY'LL GET WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR... RIGHT IN THEIR FACES! THE SPECIAL LOCK WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

YOU... YOU EXPECTED THEM TO STEAL THE CASE!



THAT WAS THE PLAN... AND THEY FELL FOR IT! THE BOMB INSIDE THE CASE, BY THE WAY, IS AN ORDINARY HIGH-EXPLOSIVE... NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT DEADLY RADIATION! OH... CAN I PLEASE HAVE MY HAND BACK? IT'S RIGHT THERE ON THE GROUND...

Y-YOUR HAND? THEY... THEY CUT IT OFF...?

RUINED IT, IF YOU ASK ME! IT'S BE-COMING AN AWFUL NUISANCE HAVING TO REPLACE THIS ARTIFICIAL LIMB EVERY TIME I GO ON A SECRET MISSION!





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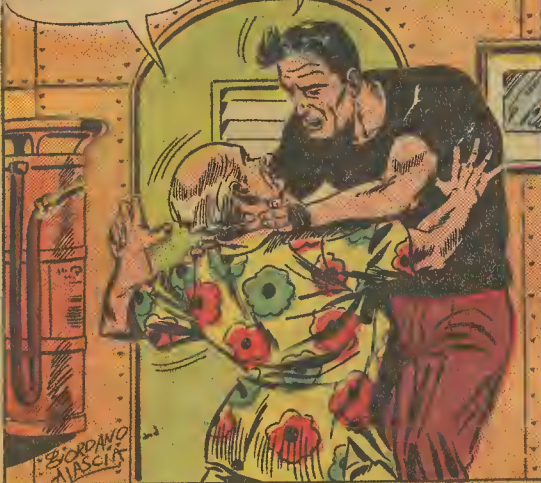
DEAR READERS---THANKS FOR THE WAVE OF ANSWERS YOU SENT TO HELP END OUR 4-PAGE SEA QUIZ, **THE KILL!**, WHICH APPEARED IN A RECENT ISSUE OF "STRANGE SUSPENSE STORIES." THE BEST ONE, WE THOUGHT, WAS SENT IN BY MALCOLM HUTCHER, OF PINE CREST, NORTH CAROLINA. YOUR \$10 PRIZE IS ON ITS WAY, MALCOLM!

MALCOLM HUTCHER'S SOLUTION TO...

## THE KILL!!

D-DON'T...YOU'RE STRANGLING ME... P-PLEASE! WE... MAKE DEAL... ARGHHHHH!

ONLY ONE OF US IS GONNA SMUGGLE THOSE STOLEN DIAMONDS INTO PORT, VAUGHN...ME!



ABOARD THE STEAMSHIP DOLFIN, NEARING ITS TROPIC ISLAND PORT, CALVIN BROCK CLOSED IN ON THE STOLEN DIAMONDS SPENCER VAUGHN PLANNED TO SMUGGLE PAST THE CUSTOM INSPECTORS! FOR CALVIN BROCK, THOSE DIAMONDS WERE A PRELUDE TO ...**THE KILL!**

MUST BE A HUNDRED GRAND WORTH OF ICE HERE! NOW TO GET TO THE REAR OF THE SHIP...AND GO OVERBOARD! SWIMMING TO SHORE, I'LL EVADE THE CUSTOM INSPECTORS! THIS PLAN OF MINE CAN'T MISS!



THIS STATEROOM OF THE LATE MR. VAUGHN'S IS AT THE FRONT OF THE SHIP... BY USING THE DELIVERY CORRIDOR I WON'T BE SPOT-TESTED GETTING TO THE REAR OF THE...WHAT'S T-THAT? S-SOMEONE BANGING ON THE DOOR!



IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS PORT-HOLE, I'D BE TRAPPED IN HERE WITH A CORPSE! A SURE MURDER CHARGE... BUT I'M GONNA BEAT IT! A SLIGHT CHANGE OF PLANS... I GO INTO THE DRINK RIGHT HERE!

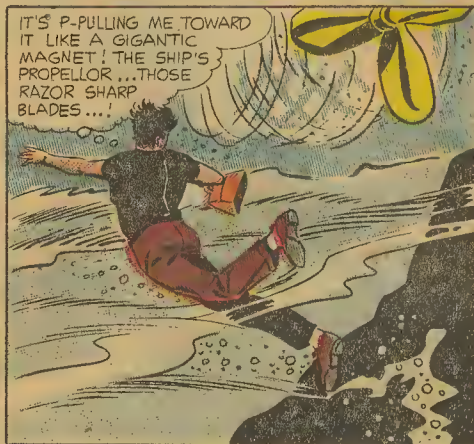
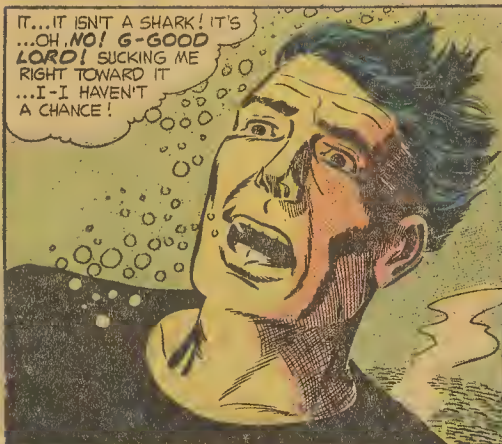


SO LONG, SPENCER VAUGHN...SO LONG S.S. DOLFIN! SHIP'S ALMOST PAST ME ANYWAY! ONLY ONE MORE THING TO WORRY ABOUT!





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# EXPLORER'S RETURN



**A**S KENT MORGAN sat comfortably in the mahogany-panelled front hall of the Explorer's Club, the smoke of his good cigar wreathed gracefully above his silvered head. It was a bitter night out—sleet hurled itself angrily and incessantly against the weathered granite walls of the club. But inside, all was peaceful, even drowsy! There was no one else in the shadowy old parlor except Ventura, the attendant, who was dusting the marble mantelpiece at one end.

Closing his eyes in contentment, Morgan slumped back in the overstuffed chair. Then it was that the front knocker sounded! Imperatively, it beat against the oaken door! Again and again it knocked, its muffled thump almost drowned out by the rising storm outside. Old Ventura hurried to the door. As he drew it open, a blast of sleet hurtled into the front hall, and with it came a man, carrying a heavy valise, which he set down.

In amazement, Kent Morgan rose from his chair. He hurried toward the newcomer, hands outstretched in welcome. "Mark! Mark Pennell!" he exclaimed excitedly. "You're back—after six months! How are you . . . and how was your trip?"

Pennell struggled out of his overcoat. He turned his face toward Kent Morgan, and the older man was shocked to see his staring eyes, and the deep lines of anxiety that had burned themselves into his countenance. "How am I?" he repeated. "I'll tell you—over a dinner table. But first let's—" Suddenly, he whirled about. "My valise!" he stammered in alarm. "Where is it?"

Kent Morgan turned toward the broad, winding staircase that led to the rooms on the second floor. "Why, Ventura must have taken it up to your room, as soon as you put it down. Is there anything wrong?"

"Wrong?" The younger man seemed transformed, his face suddenly ashen beneath its tropical bronze. "We must not leave him alone with it! Quick! After him . . ."

Together, they hurried across the room and up the heavily carpeted staircase. But, even as they rounded the first turn, they heard a terrible shriek from the floor above. It was a cry of desperate horror, a human's plea for life and it ended in a choking, gurgling animal-like groan! Springing down the hallway, Morgan and Mark Pennell were brought up short as they were confronted by a hideous sight—the sight of the old attendant's body, lying sprawled and twisted before them!

"Ventura!" breathed Kent. "And look, Mark. Your valise is beside him! It's open . . . and empty!" Quickly, he dropped to one knee beside the attendant. Examining him, he noted the man's staring, bulging eyes, the twisted, mauled throat and the expression of sheer, agonizing terror on his face!

Slowly, heavily, Morgan stood up. "Must have been a thief," he muttered. "And a terribly powerful one, to have slain him like that! Evidently he escaped through that open window at the end of the hall with whatever was in your valise."

But Mark Pennell shook his head. "No," he breathed, lips trembling. "It was no thief—at least no human thief!"

Kent Morgan caught the young, bronzed explorer's arm. "What do you mean, man? What could it have been, if not a human?"

Pennell rocked for a moment, striving to gain control of himself. Then his jaw set and he faced his friend squarely. "Come into my room, Kent," he began. "We'll search it throughout, and then lock the doors and windows thoroughly, so no one—and nothing—can get in. Then I'll tell you what it was that killed Ventura, and what he was after!"

That night, sitting in a cold, darkened room, with the door double-barred and the windows securely locked against the raging sleet outside, Kent Morgan heard a strange tale! Mark Pennell told him how, six months before, he had set out on an exploratory trip up the Uraqua, one of the tributaries of the Amazon. High



in the mountainous jungle country of Brazil, he had come upon a crumbled temple. And in that temple, on a massive altar, squatted an idol . . .

"When I saw that idol, I knew I had to bring it back," Pennell whispered. "It had a strange kind of fascination for me. It was carved out of black, igneous rock, had jeweled eyes and a snakelike form, all coiled up! I'd never seen anything like it before, but I soon found out from the Indians that it was Raka, the Boa Constrictor God. They were afraid of it . . . terribly afraid. That was why no one had ever disturbed it, for all the centuries it had lain in that ruined temple."

Pennell leaned forward and continued his story. He told of how his Indian guides had deserted him. They had claimed that the boa constrictors would follow him through the jungle to recover their idol, and to wreak vengeance on him. He had laughed . . .

And now he laughed again, a horrible, cackling, mirthless laugh that was awful to hear.

"They *did* follow me, I tell you! All the way through the jungle, and on my ship! Three times, I barely escaped with my life and with that idol. Now, at last, they've got it back, and they've killed Ventura. But they won't be satisfied. They'll keep after me, until they get me too!"

Morgan put his hand on Pennell's shoulder. "Listen, Mark!" he husked. "You must be feverish . . . out of your mind! Things like this just don't happen!"

"No? Did you see Ventura? The same thing will happen to me!"

"All right," Kent Morgan said grimly, "I'll stay with you tonight, in this room. Tomorrow we'll go to the police and tell them the whole story. Now lie down on that bed, and try to get some rest! You're in bad shape, man!"

Sitting there in the darkened room, in a giant armchair, Morgan felt the comforting weight of Pennell's Webley .45 automatic in his hand. If there *should* be trouble, if by some crazy freak any part of Pennell's story was straight, he knew how to use a Webley, and he would! But how could the story be true? Giant boa constrictors simply could not follow a man on a sea voyage! It couldn't happen . . .

So thinking, Kent Morgan waited, as the

hours crept by and Pennell gradually fell asleep, on the bed. In time, his head, too, fell forward.

For a while, his sleep was partially disturbed by the feeling that somewhere nearby, a cold breeze was blowing. But he did not wake fully—until he heard Mark Pennell's scream! It sounded as Ventura's had, full of the agony of body and spirit, gasping, choking, terrified—a human in tormented crisis!

Wide-awake in an instant, Morgan sprang bolt upright, the Webley clutched in his hand!

Before him, he saw Pennell struggling on the bed with a giant, writhing, spotted form! It was a monstrous constrictor, drawing its tremendous, iron-hard coils about the explorer's bronzed form, squeezing tighter and tighter. Not daring to breathe, Morgan aimed the automatic from the hip and fired. Once! Twice! His bullets struck home, smashing the huge snake in its head, splintering and ripping it apart!

Then it was that the older man heard a strange, clicking sound behind him! Whirling, he saw that one of the window panes was broken open. That was where the cold wind had been coming from! And, hopping out through the opening, was a little creature, carved from black rock, with glittering, jeweled eyes, and the coiled form of a snake! Beside the moving idol were the wraithlike, swiftly crawling forms of two more huge constrictors! With unbelievable speed, they vanished through the open pane—and disappeared!

**W**RENCHING a muttered curse from his lips, Morgan sprang to the window and flung it open. Gripping the Webley, he leaned out. But there was nothing to be seen—just a dank, dripping, early-dawn city street! Across the window sill were several dark smudges—smudges that might have been made by crawling creatures, or by a careless housemaid's cleaning rag.

Breathing heavily, shaken to his very foundations, Morgan turned back to the room. There he saw Pennell, lying motionless, with the dead constrictor wrapped about him! The man too was slain, his neck broken by the jungle snake's dying agony! And somewhere out in that cold sunrise was Raka, ruler of the boa constrictors—released, and on his way home . . .

THE END



# WHITE BIRDS of DEATH!



ON JULY 25TH 1942, MATT TUPPER, AND FOUR EQUALLY DANGEROUS CRIMINALS, MARKED BY THEIR RED STRIPES, MADE A SUCCESSFUL BREAK FROM A FLORIDA CHAIN GANG AND ESCAPED THROUGH A NEARBY SWAMP. ON THAT DAY THE SHOTGUN GANG THAT TERRORIZED FLORIDA FOR A YEAR WAS BORN.

FOURTEEN HOURS! I'M STARVED! THESE MOSQUITOES!

LISTEN! THE BLOODHOUNDS ARE CLOSER! WE'LL HIDE UNDER WATER! EACH OF YOU PULL A HOLLOW REED AND DO WHAT I SAY! HIDE YOUR GUNS IN THE BUSHES!

OOO-WOOOO!  
YIPE! OOO-WOO!

THEY'VE VANISHED! THE DOGS CAN'T FIND A NEW TRAIL!

MAYBE THEY DROWNED. ANYHOW, THEY SURE GOT AWAY!

YIPE!  
AAA-WOOO!



# SUSPENSE STORIES

LATER THAT EVENING ON AN ISOLATED FARM . . . .

FOOD! CLOTHES! PIGEONS TO EAT.  
AND A TRUCK! THIS IS A BREAK!

WE'RE WAITING  
UNTIL MORNING!



WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF  
WAITING? WE'RE STARVED!  
LET'S TAKE 'EM NOW!

I'M NOT GONNA BE SEEN!  
THERE'S A FISHFRY  
TOMORROW AND EVERY-  
BODY 'ROUND HERE'S GOING.  
I HEARD IT WHEN WE WERE  
HIDING BACK OF THAT FILLING  
STATION. WE'RE WAITING!



AND EARLY NEXT MORNING MATT'S  
CAREFUL PATIENCE WAS REWARDED,

COME ON, DAD, WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE  
FISHFRY! I'VE ALREADY FED THE  
PIGEONS! WE'LL BE BACK IN TIME TO  
FLY THEM THIS  
EVENING!

COMING, SON! WE'RE  
IN PLENTY OF TIME -  
IT'S ONLY TEN MILES  
TO THE LAKE!



THIS IS A CINCH! ALL DAY TO  
PLUNDER THIS JOINT!

THAT'S WHY I WAITED.  
LOOK AT THAT FOOD ON  
THE TABLE! HAH--!  
THEY LOCK THE DOOR  
AND LEAVE AN OPEN  
WINDOW!



JUST MY LUCK!  
WHENEVER I  
PINCH A SUIT  
IT BELONGS  
TO A BIG  
GUY!

I'M GOING TO LOOK  
AROUND. IF THAT KID  
HAS HOWING PIGEONS  
YOUNG ENOUGH TO  
TRAIN, WE CAN USE THEM  
FOR SOMETHING BESIDES  
EATING!



WHERE WE'RE GOING THERE  
AIN'T NO TELEPHONE. AND  
THESE SQUABS CAN BE  
TAUGHT TO CARRY MES-  
SAGES! NOW TO GET  
THE TRUCK LOADED!



SOON...

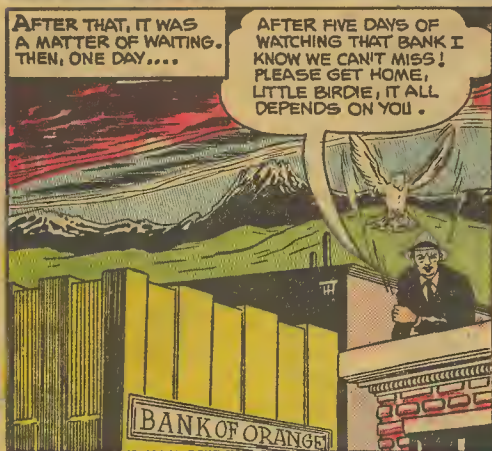
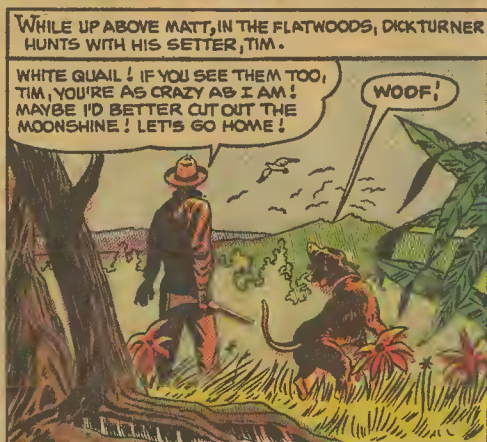
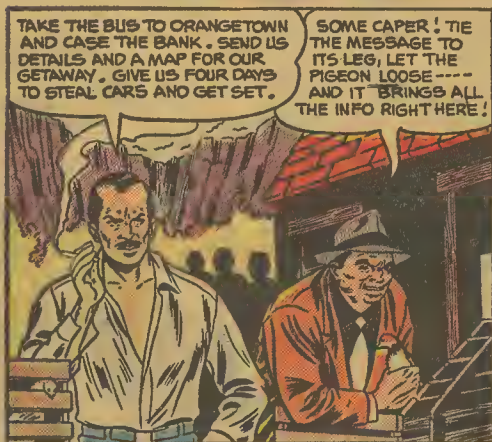
WE'RE ABOUT TO RETIRE TO THE BOTTOM  
OF A SIXTY FOOT SINK HOLE I KNOW  
NEAR LAKE OKEECHOBEE. IT'S A HIDE-OUT NOBODY'LL  
FIND AND THESE PIGEONS ARE GOING TO FEED US  
---BUT NOT THE WAY YOU THINK!





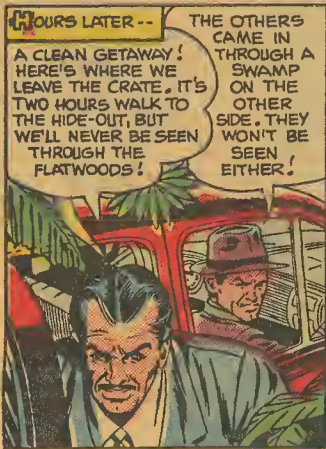
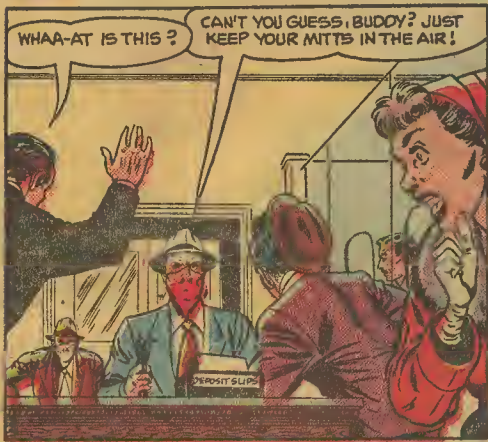
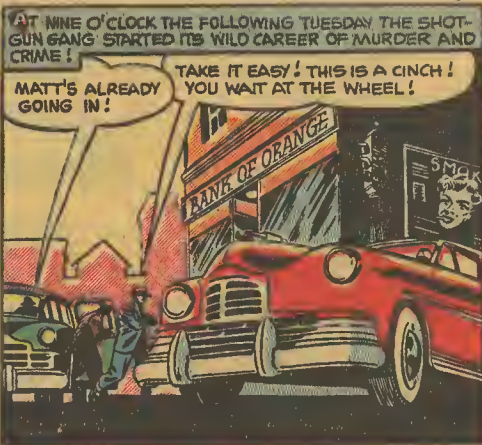
# SUSPENSE STORIES

THREE MONTHS LATER MATT GREW A MUSTACHE AND THE GANG BUILT COMFORTABLE QUARTERS DOWN IN THE SINK HOLE. EVERY EVENING HE EXERCISED THE PIGEONS. EVERYTHING WAS FINE-- EXCEPT--





# SUSPENSE STORIES





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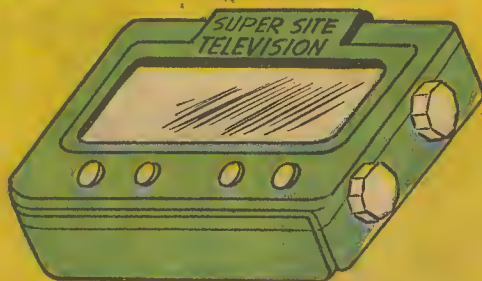
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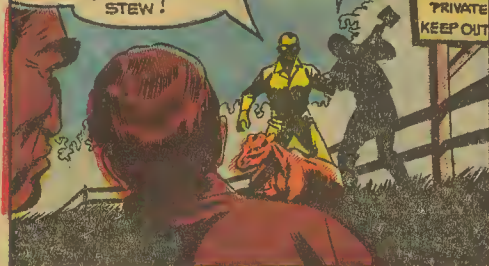
# SUSPENSE STORIES

TWO HOURS LATER, WILL PARSON'S DAIRY FARM, A COUPLE OF MILES FROM THE HIDE-OUT, HAD SOME HUNGRY VISITORS...

KNOCK IT ON THE HEAD, STUPID. YOU'VE BEEN YELLING FOR FOOD LOUDER THAN ANYONE. THERE'S A HUNDRED POUNDS OF GOOD VEAL STEAKS, CHOPS AND STEW!

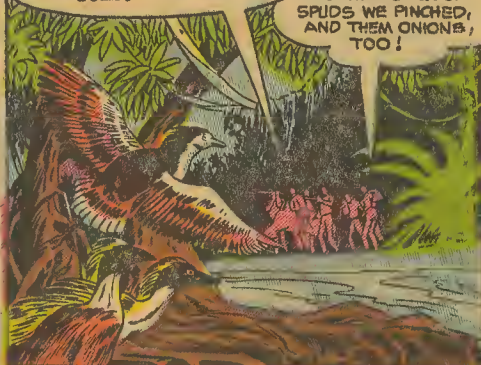
I WISH IT WAS THAT SKINNY WARDEN AT THE CHAIN GANG! HE'D BE LIGHTER TO CARRY.

WILL PARSON  
PRIVATE  
KEEP OUT



WHADDYA MEAN, A HUNDRED POUNDS OF STEW? THIS THING WEIGHS MORE'N A FULL GROWN BULL!

I'LL SAY! SOME BULL! DON'T FORGET I'M CARRYING THAT SACK OF SPIDS WE PINCHED, AND THEM ONIONS, TOO!



BUT AT DAYBREAK WHEN THE STEW WAS DONE, ALL THE HARD WORK SEEMED ALMOST WORTHWHILE. DIDN'T THEY HAVE MONEY? WEREN'T THEY WELL FED? NOTHING COULD TOUCH THEM NOW!

MATT CAN EVEN COOK! OH, BOY!

I'LL SAY! THIS IS THE LIFE! UM-UMM! WHAT A VEAL STEW!



**B**UT TIM, THE KEEN-NOSED SETTER, OUT FOR AN EARLY MORNING HUNT WITH HIS MASTER, DICK TURNER, HAD DONE WHAT NOBODY ELSE COULD DO---FOUND WHERE THE WHITE BIRDS CAME FROM!

GOOD MORNING! IT'S NOT A GOOD MORNING FOR YOU! GET HIM, CHUCK, OR THE GAME'S UP!

WOOF!  
WOOF!



NO YOU DON'T--  
AGHH!



THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO NOSEY PEOPLE! LUG HIM A COUPLE OF MILES FROM HERE AND LEAVE HIM. FIRE HIS OWN GUN AND LEAVE IT BESIDE HIM. LET THAT DUMB DOG FOLLOW. IT WILL STAY WITH HIM AND MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT!

AAA-WOOOO--  
OOOOO!





# SUSPENSE STORIES

LATER THAT MORNING WHEN FARMER WILL PARSON REACHED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, HE FOUND DICK TURNER'S WIFE ALREADY THERE.

THERE'S CATTLE THIEVES AROUND HERE, SHERIFF. MY BEST PRIZE CALF WAS STOLEN LAST NIGHT OUT OF THE FIELD.

WORSE THAN THAT'S HAPPENED, WILL. I WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KILL AS NICE A FELLOW AS DICK? I FOUND HIS BODY AN HOUR AGO-- RIDDLED WITH BUCKSHOT!

HIS ONLY ENEMY WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH 'SHINE NOW AND AGAIN. HE WAS TELLING ME ABOUT SEEING SOME WHITE GUAIL FLYING AROUND, BUT THAT WAS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

BUT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A WHITE GUAIL, MRS. TURNER!

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM. BUT HE INSISTED THERE WERE EIGHT OF THEM FLYING AROUND HIGH. I THOUGHT HE'D BEEN DRINKING AND DIDN'T ASK HIM WHERE.

Y'KNOW, SHERIFF, THERE MAY BE SOMETHING TO THESE BIRDS! I SAW A SINGLE BIRD FLYING OVER MY FARM FOUR OR FIVE EVENINGS AGO. LOOKED LIKE A PIGEON.

THAT'S FUNNY. THERE ARE NO MORE PIGEONS AROUND HERE THAN THERE ARE WHITE GUAIL.

I HAVE WORD HERE THAT THE CASHIER AT THE ORANGETOWN BANK WAS KILLED BY A SHOTGUN IN A HOLDUP YESTERDAY. I WONDER IF DICK COULD HAVE STOPPED THE BANDIT'S CAR.

WHATEVER HAPPENED I THINK THOSE WHITE BIRDS WILL LEAD TO THE MAN WHO KILLED MY HUSBAND.

THE SHERIFF WAS HELPLESS TO STOP THE SIX-MONTHS' WAVE OF TERROR ---- SEVEN MORE BANK OFFICIALS AND THREE OFFICERS OF THE LAW FELL BEFORE THE RUTHLESS BLASTING GUNS DURING FIVE MORE ROBBERIES!





# SUSPENSE STORIES

**W**ITH THE CRIME WAVE AT ITS HEIGHT, SHERIFF COLLIER GOT AN IDEA THAT THE MYSTERIOUS WHITE BIRDS MIGHT BE CARRIER PIGEONS. HALF A DOZEN PEOPLE HAD REPORTED SEEING A SINGLE WHITE BIRD FLYING HIGH A FEW DAYS BEFORE EACH BANK ROBBERY. THE ASTUTE SHERIFF MADE A TRIP TO THE EVERGLADES AND BROUGHT BACK WITH HIM CHARLIE HALWUK, A FAMOUS SEMINOLE INDIAN GUIDE. CHARLIE OWNED A PEREGRINE FALCON, ONE OF THE FASTEST FLYING BIRDS.

AFTER SIX DAYS OF WATCHING THE SKY FROM MORNING 'TIL DUSK, THE SHERIFF'S PATIENCE WAS REWARDED...

ISN'T THAT A BIRD COMING NOW, CHARLIE?

WHITE BIRD COME NOW! FALCON'S SPURS COVERED SO HE DON'T KILL, BUT WATCH! HE FORCE BIRD DOWN QUICK RIGHT HERE.



IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT THIS WILL SEND TURNER'S KILLER TO THE CHAIR!



THERE'S A PILL ON THAT PIGEON'S LEG WITH A MESSAGE INSIDE. IF IT'S WHAT I EXPECT---WE'LL READ IT AND SEND THE PIGEON BACK ON ITS WAY.



THIS IS IT! "BANK OF CYPRESS MILLS. NEXT FRIDAY NOON. PAYROLL DAY. LAST AND BIGGEST HAUL." HAVE TO RUN MILE LONG NARROW BRIDGE OVER CYPRESS RIVER ROUTE 100.



SHORTLY AFTER, THE SHERIFF CALLED THE SHERIFF OF CYPRESS COUNTY.

NOW GET IT, MAC! CHAIN OFF THE FAR END OF THE CYPRESS RIVER BRIDGE AND PLACE A LOT OF MEN AT BOTH ENDS. WE CLOSE IN THERE AND THE SHOTGUN GANG IS THROUGH! OKAY?

YOU BET IT'S OKAY.



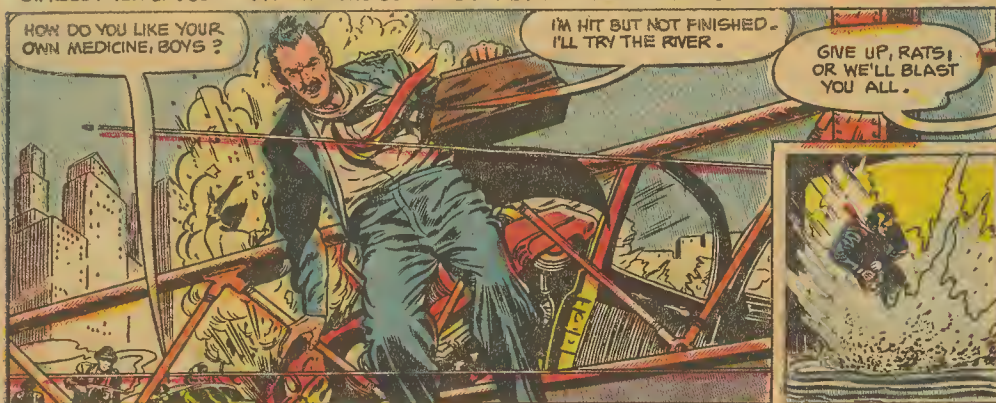
THE BIGGEST HAUL THE SHOTGUN GANG EVER MADE WAS THE EASIEST. THEY ROBBED THE BANK OF CYPRESS MILLS WITH NO SHOOTING AT ALL. BUT AT THE BRIDGE....



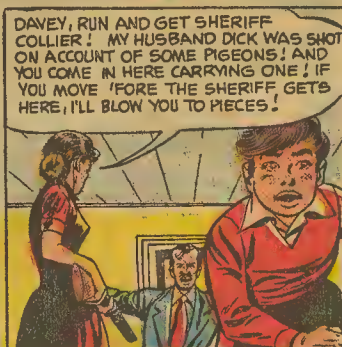
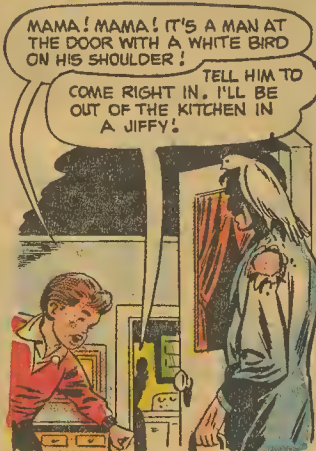


# SUSPENSE STORIES

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATT TUPPER, WHO TOOK TO THE RIVER WITH BUCKSHOT IN HIS SHOULDER, IT WAS ON THE CYPRESS RIVER BRIDGE THAT ALL THE SHOTGUN GANG WERE KILLED OR CAPTURED!



**B**UT FATE HAD A TRICK UP HER SLEEVE FOR MURDEROUS MATT TUPPER. WOUNDED AND TOO EXHAUSTED TO REACH THE NEARBY HAVEN OF THE SINK HOLE, HE SOUGHT SHELTER IN THE CABIN THAT WAS THE HOME OF DICK TURNER--- THE INNOCENT HUNTER WHO MATT HAD ORDERED MURDERED!



JUSTICE WAS SWIFT AFTER THAT! FOUR MONTHS LATER, ONE OF THE WHITE BIRDS THAT MADE MATT HALF A MILLION HAD SENT HIM TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!



# SUSPENSE STORIES

## THE SECRET OF THE BOX!

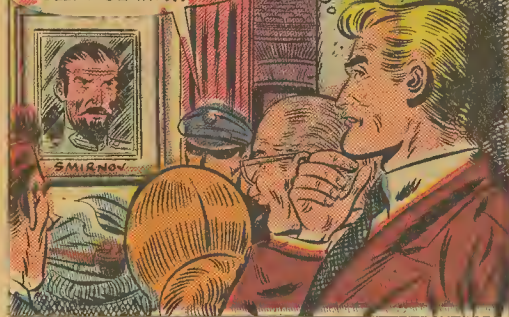


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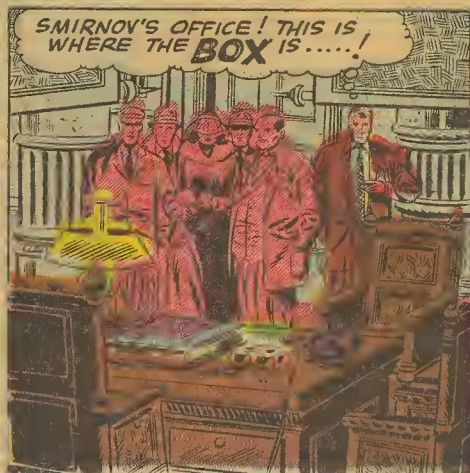
THEY HAD BEEN TRUDGING FOR HOURS NOW, THROUGH THE ENORMOUS PALACE, AND OF ALL THE TOURISTS, HE WAS THE ONLY ONE NOT PREOCCUPIED WITH ACHING FEET AND SMARTING EYES...

THIS PORTRAIT OF THE TYRANT WAS PAINTED TWO MONTHS BEFORE HIS VIOLENT DEATH...

THE BOX...  
THE BOX...

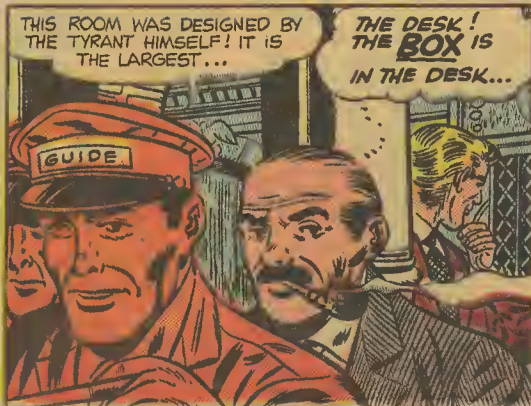


SMIRNOV'S OFFICE! THIS IS WHERE THE BOX IS.....!





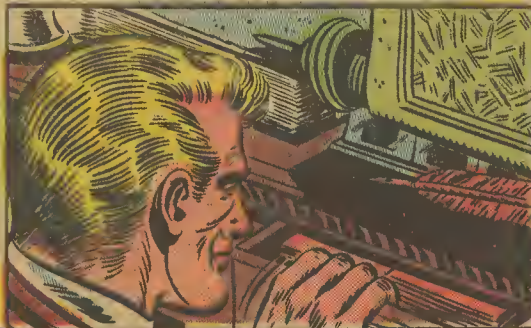
# SUSPENSE STORIES



THIS ROOM WAS DESIGNED BY THE TYRANT HIMSELF! IT IS THE LARGEST...

THE DESK!  
THE **BOX** IS  
IN THE DESK...

AS THE GUIDE DRONED ON, POINTING TO ALL THE ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES BLATANTLY EXPRESSIVE OF THE DEAD TYRANT'S LUST FOR POWER, MIKE PRESTON FOUND HIMSELF REMEMBERING THAT DAY TWO YEARS AGO...



BUT EVEN AS HE WALKED, HIS JOY WAS TAINTED BY THE SCENES OF TERROR THAT WERE DAILY OCCURRENCES IN THE STREETS OF THE LAND THAT SMIRNOV RULED! THE MASS ARRESTS...

...AND THE PUBLIC EXECUTIONS!



AAAARGH!

YADADADADADA

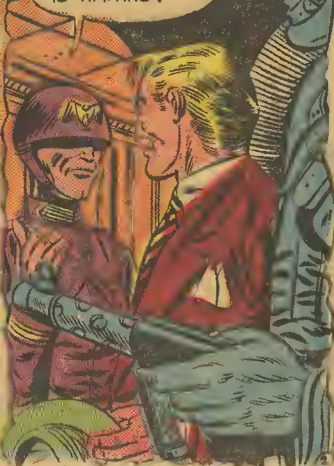
...WHEN HE HAD WALKED EXULTANTLY TOWARD SMIRNOV'S PALACE!

WHAT A SCOOP! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SMIRNOV'S EVER GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT--AND I'M THE LUCKY BOY!



BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED, HE WAS QUIVERING WITH HATRED FOR THE MAN HE WAS ABOUT TO INTERVIEW. THE GUARDS CHECKED HIM CAREFULLY FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS...

HURRY! SMIRNOV IS WAITING!



AIEEEEE!



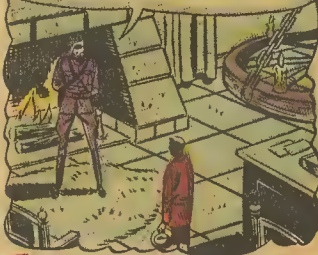
# SUSPENSE STORIES

AFTER A LONG TREK THROUGH A SERIES OF LONG HALLS, HE HAD FOUND HIMSELF STANDING IN FRONT OF THE MASSIVE DESK...

YOU ARE MICHAEL PRESTON, THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER MAN--YES? YOU ARE VERY SURPRISED I HAVE GRANTED YOU THIS INTERVIEW---YES? AND YOU ARE WONDERING WHY I HAVE CHOSEN *you* FOR THE GREAT HONOR...

I HAVE READ YOUR DISPATCHES, MR. PRESTON. I HAVE ORDERED MY AGENTS TO CHECK YOUR BACKGROUND. AND I HAVE FOUND IN YOUR VIGOR, INTELLIGENCE, AND *IDEALISM* SUCH AN AMAZING LIKENESS TO WHAT I WAS LIKE AT YOUR AGE, THAT I WAS CURIOUS TO MEET YOU PERSONALLY!

WE TWO...ALIKE?? *IMPOSSIBLE!* I BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY---GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE! *YOU'RE* A POWER CRAZY TYRANT WHO RULES BY TERROR!

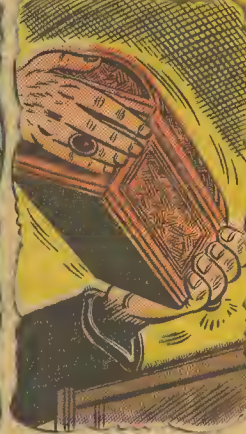


**S**MIRNOV FLUSHED--- THEN SMILED THINLY. STILL SMILING, HE PRESSED AN ORNAMENTAL KNOB ON THE CORNER OF HIS MASSIVE DESK...

A DRAWER SLID SMOOTHLY OPEN...

FROM THE DRAWER--- SMIRNOV LIFTED A BOX...

AND THEN VERY CAREFULLY, SMIRNOV PLACED THE BOX ON THE DESK. FOR A LONG TIME AFTER THAT, SMIRNOV SAID NOTHING AT ALL.



BUT THEN... THE *SECRET* OF HOW I *CHANGED* FROM THE YOUNG IDEALIST WHO WAS EXACTLY LIKE YOU... TO THE GREAT RULER I AM NOW... LIES INSIDE *THIS BOX!*

"WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, EVERY HEART-BEAT WITHIN ME CRIED OUT AGAINST INJUSTICE! I SPOKE ON STREET CORNERS..."

*DOWN WITH ALL TYRANTS!*  
*UP WITH LIBERTY!*

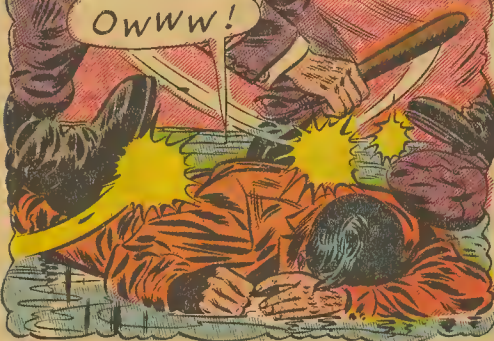




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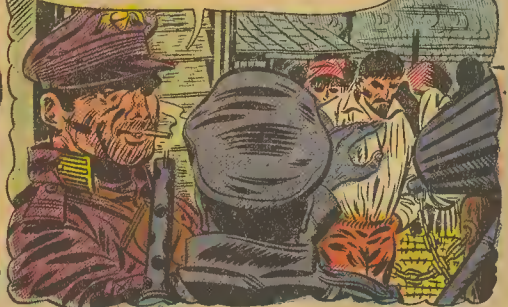
"...AND RECEIVED BLOWS FROM THE POLICE AS PAYMENT FOR THE WAY MY HEART BLED FOR THE UNDERDOGS!"

OWWW!



"BUT I PERSISTED---AND WAS ARRESTED AND SENT TO A LABOR CAMP..."

WATCH THAT ONE---HE'S A TROUBLE MAKER AND HAS A SILVER TONGUE!



"EVEN THERE, MY COMPASSIONATE HEART KEPT STIRRING WITHIN ME! EVERY NIGHT, I HARRANGUED MY FELLOW PRISONERS..."

THE DAYS OF THE TYRANTS ARE NUMBERED!  
THE DAY OF OUR LIBERATION IS AT HAND!



"BUT I WAS WRONG! THE COMMANDANT LEARNED THROUGH AN INFORMANT THAT I WAS STILL AGITATING---AND AFTER A SESSION ON THE RACK..."

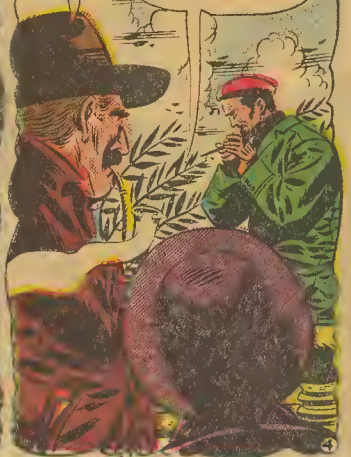
"...HE HAD ME FLUNG INTO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT!"



"BUT THEN THE OLD KING DIED-- AND THE NEW KING DECLARED GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. I WAS RELEASED. I WENT TO A SMALL MOUNTAIN VILLAGE WHERE I SPENT TIME REVIEWING MY LIFE..."

ALWAYS THINKING, THAT ONE!

HIS EYES BURN STRANGELY. JUST WATCHING HIM TURNS ME COLD WITH FEAR!





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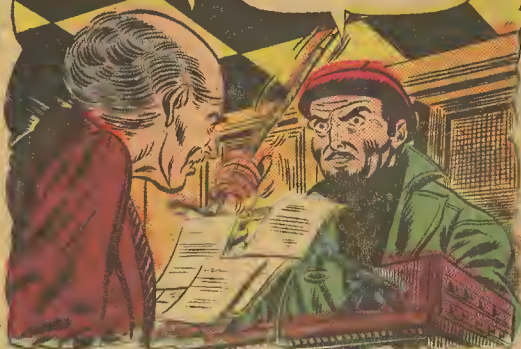
# SUSPENSE STORIES

ALL THESE YEARS I HAVE BEEN DELUDING MYSELF! IT IS NOT **FREEDOM** FOR THE MASSES. I HAVE A PASSION FOR--- BUT **CONTROL OF THE MASSES...POWER!** I WANT TO MOVE MEN, BEND THEM TO MY WILL... BUT I HAVE BEEN SIDETRACKED BY **ONE ELEMENT INSIDE ME!!** IF ONLY I COULD--OF COURSE--**PAYLOV!** HE IS THE MAN WHO CAN HELP ME...

"WHEN **PAYLOV** HEARD OF MY PLAN, HE RECOILED IN HORROR..."

YOU ARE MAD!  
I-I WON'T DO IT!

IF I CANNOT APPEAL TO YOUR REASON, DEAR FRIEND, I SHALL HAVE TO RESORT TO FORCE!

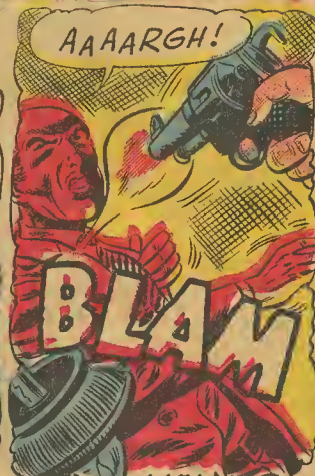


SEE THIS GUN? I CARRY IT WITH ME ALWAYS! EITHER AGREE, MY DEAR FRIEND, TO REMOVE THIS ELEMENT WITHIN ME THAT STANDS IN THE WAY OF MY GAINING ABSOLUTE POWER---OR YOU WILL DIE!

"UNREMBINGLY, **PAYLOV** DID MY BIDDING! IT WAS PAINFUL, BUT THROUGH SHEER WILL I REMAINED CONSCIOUS THROUGHOUT..."

HERE--NOW YOU ARE FREE OF WHAT WAS HOLDING YOU BACK! IT IS IN THE BOX!

THANK YOU, DEAR FRIEND. AND NOW TO MAKE CERTAIN MY SECRET IS NEVER REVEALED.



"AFTER THAT, EVERYTHING WAS SIMPLE. THERE WAS NOTHING INSIDE TO HOLD ME BACK...I KEPT RISING HIGHER AND HIGHER...RUTHLESSLY DISPOSING OF THOSE WHO STOOD IN MY WAY--UNTIL I REACHED THE PINNACLE OF POWER WHERE YOU SEE ME NOW..."

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WH-WHAT WAS THAT **PAYLOV** PLACED IN THE BOX...? TELL ME, AND I'LL KNOW WHAT MAKES DICTATORS TICK! THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!



BUT **SMIRNOV** SEEMED TIRED NOW AFTER HIS LONG RECITAL. HIS FACE WAS COLD AS HE RANG FOR A GUARD...AND SUMMARILY BROUGHT THE INTERVIEW TO A CLOSE...



# SUSPENSE STORIES

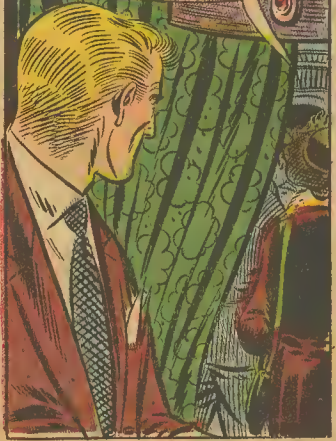
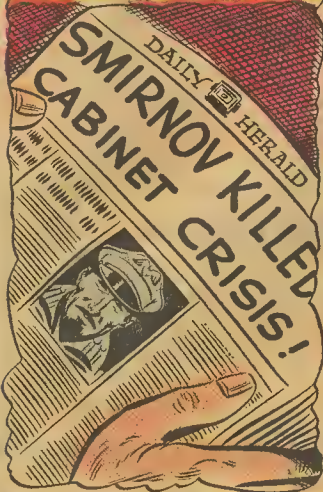
PRESTON HAD BEGGED FOR ANOTHER INTERVIEW, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS...TWO YEARS LATER, BACK IN AMERICA, HE HAD READ OF THE REVOLUTION AND SMIRNOV'S DEATH!

HE HAD SAILED AS SOON AS HE COULD GET A BOOKING ON A BOAT..

NONE OF THE REPORTS SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE BOX! IT MUST STILL BE IN THE SECRET DRAWER IN THE DESK! I'LL GET INTO THE PALACE AS A TOURIST! I'LL OPEN IT...AND LEARN SMIRNOV'S SECRET!

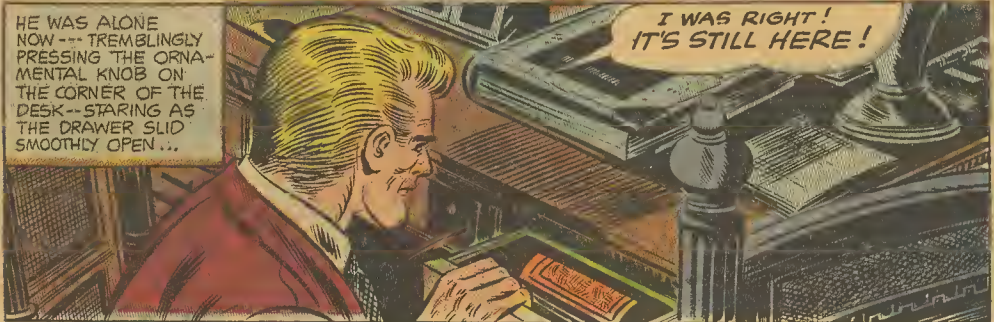
AT A MOMENT BEFORE THE GUIDE LED THE TIRED TOURISTS OUT OF THE OFFICE, PRESTON SLIPPED BEHIND A HEAVY DRAPE...

AND HERE WE HAVE THE HALL LEADING TO THE TYRANT'S BEDCHAMBER!



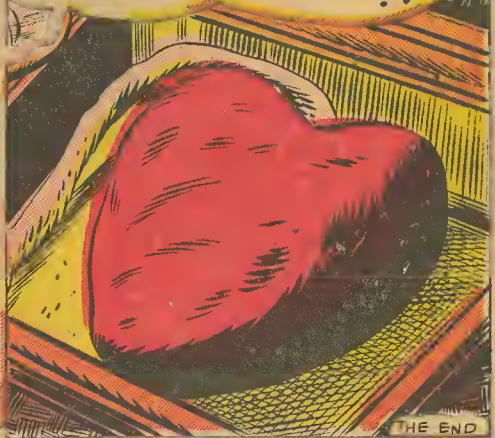
HE WAS ALONE NOW --- TREMBLINGLY PRESSING THE ORNAMENTAL KNOB ON THE CORNER OF THE DESK--STARING AS THE DRAWER SLID SMOOTHLY OPEN..

I WAS RIGHT!  
IT'S STILL HERE!



THE BOX WAS OPEN NOW--AND PRESTON WAS GASPING WITH HORROR! HE WANTED TO SLAM DOWN THE LID AND RUN SCREAMING OUT OF THE CASTLE--BUT HE STOOD THERE, ROOTED, STARING AT THE ELEMENT WITHIN SMIRNOV THAT HAD SIDETRACKED HIM FROM POWER...THE ELEMENT THAT HIS FRIEND HAD REMOVED SO HE COULD BECOME THE WORLD'S CRUELEST TYRANT...

...SMIRNOV'S HEART!!!



THE END



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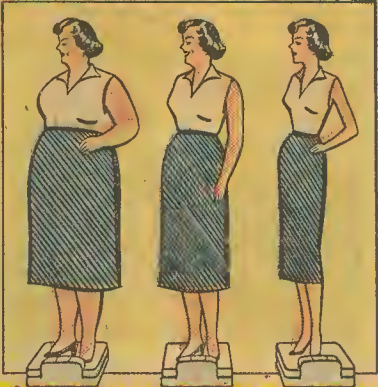
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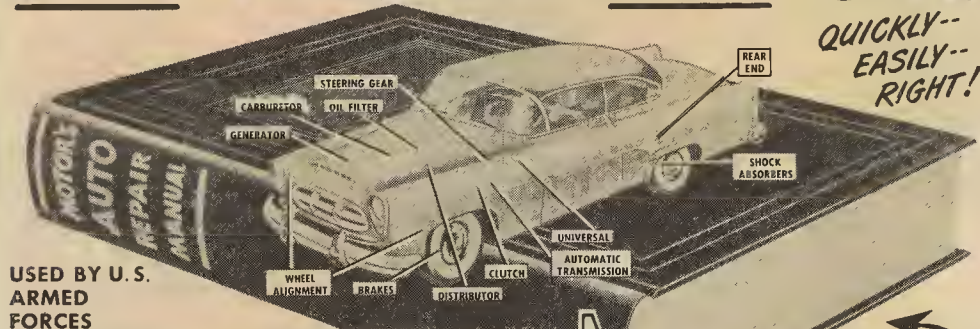
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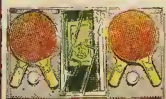
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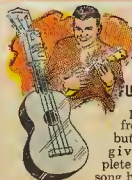
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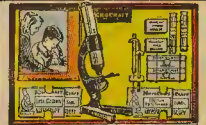
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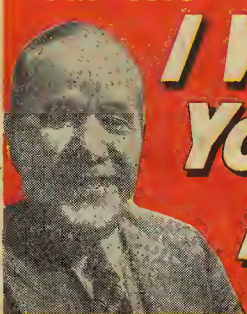
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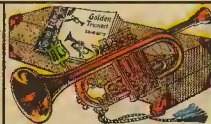
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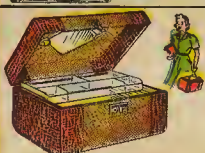


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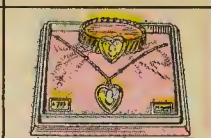
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